





ATNA SUPPORTS VALERIE GOOD CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Vancouver, B.C. (January 21, 2002) - Atna Resources Ltd. (ATN:TSE) today reconfirmed its support of Valerie Good Corporate Governance, a partnership formed to restore good corporate governance and create value for shareholders of Valerie Gold Resources Ltd. (CDNX:VLG).

Atna is deeply concerned about Frank Lang's conflicts of interest and the mismanagement, poor corporate governance and excessive overhead costs of Valerie. We believe all shareholders who closely examine management's activities will share our concern that Valerie's current board is not conducting the Company's business in the best interest of all shareholders.

"As one of the largest shareholders in Valerie we have taken these steps to salvage our investment in Valerie from the continued erosion we've experienced under the current board and management," said David Watkins, President and CEO of Atna. "I will be one of six independent directors, that, if elected, will work to get Valerie back on track with responsible governance and the right management team to invest Valerie's resources wisely."

Atna encourages all Valerie shareholders to take action by faxing back the **YELLOW** proxy before the proxy voting deadline of 9:00 AM PST /12 noon EST on January 28, 2002.

Shareholders may vote their **YELLOW** proxy even if they have previously submitted proxies in support of management.

Shareholders should call 1-800-890-1037 (GEORGESON SHAREHOLDER) if they have any questions, or require any assistance in voting their shares.

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